



September 27, 2006

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

ATTENTION: Marina Cazorla, Project Manager

RE: Support for the Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program at OPC meeting on 10/26 and Conservancy meeting on 11/9

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of The Ocean Conservancy's 25,000 California members, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program under consideration by the Ocean Protection Council. This three-year monitoring program for statewide marine protected areas to be administered by the Ocean Science Trust would oversee management of valuable and necessary monitoring data and data acquisition for MPAs designated under the Marine Life Protection Act, analyze and distribute monitoring data, and communicate results and findings to resource management agencies, the Legislature, stakeholders and the public.

We urge the Ocean Protection Council to find that the Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program is of high priority and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize \$2,000,000 of funding for the program at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

Warner Chabot
Vice President for Regional Operations

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October 5, 2006

Secretary Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

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Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
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ATTENTION: Marina Cazorla, Project Manager

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Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

On behalf of NRDC's more than 650,000 members, more than 120,000 of whom are Californians, I am writing to express my strong support for the Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program. This interim, three-year monitoring program for statewide marine protected areas is an important step towards making data on MPAs reliable, relevant, and available to the public and decision-makers alike. Under the proposed program, the Ocean Science Trust would oversee the management and distribution of monitoring data for MPAs designated under the Marine Life Protection Act. This program would complement the proposed Baseline Monitoring Project also before the OPC and the Conservancy to ensure that the right data are collected in a way that they can help improve the state's science-based decision making.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program is of high priority and ask the Coastal Conservancy to authorize \$2,000,000 of funding for the program at its November meeting.

Sincerely,

Kate Wing
Ocean Policy Analyst

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October 26, 2006

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
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Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

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Attention: Marina Cazorla, Project Manager

RE: Support for (a) augmenting seafloor mapping (Conservancy Agenda Item 3), the Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program (Conservancy Agenda Item 4) and the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Monitoring project (Conservancy Agenda Item 5) at a Conservancy meeting on 11/9 and OPC meeting on 11/28

Dear Mr. Bosco and Mr. Chrisman:

The three agenda items reference above are critical to successful implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act and urge that the Conservancy and the OPC support these activities.

Useful habitat maps support the design of networks of MPAs and the requested augmentation of current mapping would complete high priority mapping up to Pt. Arena, a likely boundary between MLPA study regions. One designated, effective monitoring of the performance of networks of MPAs is critical to policy makers' judgments of their performance and provides the foundation for learning and adaptive management.

Sincerely,



John J. Kirlin
Executive Director